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### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0053] A method and apparatus for facilitating the connection of tubulars using a top drive is provided. In one aspect, a body is connectable to said top drive. The body comprises at least one gripping element radially displaceable by hydraulic or pneumatic fluid to drivingly engage a tubular to permit a screw connection between said tubular and a further tubular to be tightened to the required torque.